

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A cornice for crowning a variety of architectural structures comprising:

a horizontal base unit having a face section, a top section and a bottom section, at least ~~on one~~ of the face section, top section and bottom section further including fastening means; and

an interchangeable top decorative module removably coupled to the top section of the horizontal base unit;

an interchangeable bottom decorative module removably coupled to the top section of the horizontal base unit; and

an interchangeable centerpiece decorative module removably coupled to the horizontal base unit and disposed over the face section of the horizontal base unit,

~~one or more decorative modules fastened to at least one of the top section or the bottom section;~~

wherein each of said ~~horizontal base unit and decorative modules~~ are modular and interchangeable types of components with respect to previous and subsequent components fabricated in manufacturing, and wherein each said type of component is forged from a large block of rigid material wood, and

wherein the modular and interchangeable types of components minimize waste of excess unforged material, and further minimize waste in the event one component is forged incorrectly.

2. (canceled) The cornice of claim 1, wherein the block of rigid material is wood.

3. (canceled) The cornice of claim 2, wherein the modular and interchangeable types of components minimize waste of excess unforged material, and further minimize waste in the event one component is forged incorrectly.

4. (canceled) The cornice of claim 1, further comprising a centerpiece module configured to fit over said face section of said horizontal base unit.

5. (canceled) The cornice of claim 4, wherein said centerpiece module comprises structure having decorative features.

6. (currently amended) The cornice of claim ~~[[4]]~~ 1, further comprising ~~one or more~~ curved extensions supports to removably secure the interchangeable top decorative centerpiece module and interchangeable bottom decorative module over said horizontal base unit.

7. (currently amended) The cornice of claim [4] 1, wherein the interchangeable top one or more decorative modules and the interchangeable bottom decorative module each comprise an insert channel for a secure insertion of said centerpiece module.

8. (currently amended) The cornice of claim 1, wherein at least one of the one or more decorative modules includes a hollow "T" shaped channel, and wherein the horizontal base unit includes a corresponding accommodating extension to join and secure the one or more decorative modules to the horizontal base unit removably mate with the hollow "T" shaped channel.

9. (currently amended) The cornice of claim 1, wherein the one or more at least one of the decorative modules includes a hollow inverted "L" shaped channel, and wherein the horizontal base unit includes a corresponding accommodating extension to join and secure the one or more decorative modules to the horizontal base unit removably mate with the hollow inverted "L" shaped channel.

10. (currently amended) The cornice of claim 1, wherein the horizontal base unit includes a hollow "T" shaped channel, and wherein the one or more at least one of the decorative modules includes a corresponding accommodating extension to join and secure the one or more decorative modules to the horizontal base unit removably receive.

11. (currently amended) The cornice of claim 1, wherein the horizontal base unit includes a hollow inverted "L" shaped channel, and wherein at least one of the ~~the one or more decorative modules includes~~ a corresponding accommodating extension to join ~~and secure the one or more decorative modules to the horizontal base unit~~ removably mate with the inverted "L" shaped channel.

12. (withdrawn) A method of using cornices for crowning a variety of architectural structures comprising the steps of:

obtaining a horizontal base unit, the horizontal base unit having a first mateable modular connection means;

obtaining one of a plurality of decorative modules, the decorative module having a second mateable modular connection means;

combining the decorative module to the horizontal base unit by connecting the first mateable modular connection means to the second mateable modular connection means to form a single cornice structure.

13. (withdrawn) The method of claim 12, further comprising the steps of:

obtaining a center piece module from a single block of rigid material; and
connecting the centerpiece module to a horizontal base unit.

14. (withdrawn) The method of claim 12, further comprising:

channeling a "T" shaped groove in each of said plurality of decorative modules; and

forming a corresponding accommodating extension the horizontal base unit for securing a decorative module to the horizontal base unit.

15. (withdrawn) The method of claim 11, further comprising:

channeling an inverted "L" shaped groove in each of said plurality of decorative modules; and

forming a corresponding accommodating extension the horizontal base unit for securing a decorative module to the horizontal base unit.

16. (withdrawn) The method of claim 11, further comprising:

channeling a "T" shaped groove in a horizontal base unit; and

forming a corresponding accommodating extension in at least one of the decorative modules for securing the decorative module to the horizontal base unit.

17. (withdrawn) The method of claim 11, further comprising:

channeling a "T" shaped groove the horizontal base unit; and

forming a corresponding accommodating extension in at least one of the decorative modules for securing the decorative module to the horizontal base unit.

18. (withdrawn) The method of claim 13, wherein the rigid material is wood.

19. (withdrawn) A method of manufacturing cornices for crowning a variety of architectural structures, the method comprising the steps of:

creating a plurality of horizontal base units from a single block of rigid material;

creating a plurality of decorative modules from a single block of rigid material;

combining one or more decorative modules to one of said horizontal base units to form a single cornice; and

repeating the combining to form a second and subsequent cornices, wherein each of said horizontal base units are interchangeable, and wherein each of said decorative modules are interchangeable thereby minimizing waste of excess unforged material, and thereby further minimizing waste in the event one component is forged incorrectly.

20. (withdrawn) The method of claim 19, further comprising forging a plurality of center piece modules from a single block of rigid material, wherein each of said center piece modules is interchangeable.

21. (withdrawn) The method of claim 19, further comprising:

channeling a "T" shaped groove in each of said plurality of decorative modules; and

forming a corresponding accommodating extension in each of said plurality of horizontal base units for securing a decorative module to a horizontal base unit.

22. (withdrawn) The method of claim 19, further comprising:

channeling an inverted "L" shaped groove in each of said plurality of decorative modules; and

forming a corresponding accommodating extension in each of said plurality of horizontal base units for securing a decorative module to a horizontal base unit.

23. (withdrawn) The method of claim 19, further comprising:

channeling a "T" shaped groove in each of said plurality of horizontal base units; and

forming a corresponding accommodating extension in each of said plurality of

decorative modules for securing a decorative module to a horizontal base unit.

24. (withdrawn) The method of claim 19, further comprising:

channeling a "T" shaped groove in each of said plurality of horizontal base units; and

forming a corresponding accommodating extension in each of said plurality of decorative modules for securing a decorative module to a horizontal base unit.

25. (currently amended) A cornice for crowning a variety of architectural structures comprising:

a horizontal base unit having a face section, a top section and a bottom section;

~~one or more top and bottom interchangeable~~ decorative modules removably fastened to ~~either one of, or both of,~~ said top and bottom sections, respectively, the top and bottom decorative modules including insert channels; and a interchangeable centerpiece module configured to fit over said face of said horizontal base unit, the centerpiece module having portions secured by the insert channels.

26. (currently amended) The cornice of claim 25, wherein the ~~one or more top and bottom~~ decorative modules each include a hollow "T" shaped channel, and wherein the horizontal base unit includes a corresponding accommodating extensions to join and secure the ~~one or more top and bottom~~ decorative modules to the horizontal base unit.

27. (currently amended) The cornice of claim 25, wherein the ~~one or more top~~ and bottom decorative modules include a hollow inverted "L" shaped channel, and wherein the horizontal base unit includes a corresponding accommodating extensions to join and secure the ~~one or more top and bottom~~ decorative modules to the horizontal base unit.

28. (currently amended) The cornice of claim 25, wherein the horizontal base unit includes a hollow "T" shaped channel, and wherein at least one of the ~~one or more~~ decorative modules includes a corresponding accommodating extension to join and secure the ~~one or more decorative modules to the horizontal base unit~~ removably mate with the hollow "T" shaped channel.

29. (currently amended) The cornice of claim 25, wherein the horizontal base unit includes a hollow inverted "L" shaped channel, and wherein ~~the one or more~~ at least one of the decorative modules includes a corresponding accommodating extension to removably mate with the hollow "L" shaped channel ~~join and secure the one or more decorative modules to the horizontal base unit~~.